

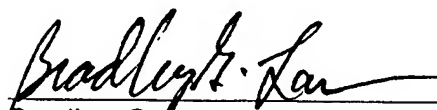
In conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following.

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United States	2,418,247	Dalzell	3/17/41
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Applicant wishes to bring the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner in the above-captioned application for U.S. Letters Patent. The Examiner is invited to review the full disclosure of these documents for his or her own independent evaluation of their pertinence to the invention claimed. A copy of each of the referenced documents is enclosed herewith, along with a copy of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant requests that these documents be included in the record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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